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DATA COMMUNICATION METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.